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Environment Department Makes Public Drinking Water System Test Results Available Online

(Santa Fe, NM) — The New Mexico Environment (NMED) is making all public drinking water system test results available online for residents, consumers and all interested parties.

Searchable by County, drinking water system name or number, primary water source type and other parameters, the database archives test results for every drinking water contaminant measured since 1993 and is updated every two weeks.

“This is going to be a really important tool for every consumer of public drinking water in the state, because it puts at everybody’s fingertips the latest drinking water test results for every contaminant,” NMED Secretary Ron Curry said. “This new database means the people who get their water from the state’s 1,280 public drinking water systems can be more directly involved in the monitoring of their drinking water.”

Rather than having to wait for a yearly consumer confidence report, system users can track their drinking water system’s performance according to their own schedule. The database, www.safewater.state.nm.us, will be linked from NMED’s Web site at www.nmenv.state.nm.us.

For each drinking water system, users can look up the most recent test results, or results for the last 12 years, and review measurements for contaminants ranging from arsenic to total coliform that can then be compared to federal and state standards listed for each.

Also listed for each system are contact names and numbers for system managers, any violations or enforcement actions taken against the system, sampling schedules, a breakdown of the water sources for each system and a glossary that explains all the terms used on the Web site.

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